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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
PORTER SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM 10 YEARS
FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man whose children are missing, was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing four firearms. Today's sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Daniel W. Porter, 42, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to a maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole.

"I applaud the Judge's decision in this case," Graves said. "The fact that this prosecution resulted in a 10 year maximum sentence is another example of how effective a tool Project Ceasefire can be."

On Jan. 4, 2005, **Porter** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of four firearms. By pleading guilty, **Porter** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson Sigma .30-caliber handgun, a Mossberg 410-gauge shotgun, a Smith and Wesson .40-caliber pistol and a Smith and Wesson .44-caliber revolver between May 28 and May 30, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Porter** has a 2004 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

Porter was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 13, 2004, in Kansas City. Today's federal case stemmed from a separate investigation into the location of **Porter's** two children, who have been missing since June 6, 2004.

"The investigation into the whereabouts of those two children continues and, as I've said

in the past, law enforcement officers across the metro remain fully committed to the effort of locating Sam and Lindsey,” Graves said. “While today’s federal case against **Porter** has concluded, that separate search will not stop until the children are found.

“Anyone with information regarding that separate investigation is urged to contact the Independence, Mo., Police Department or call the TIPS Hotline at 474-TIPS,” Graves added.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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